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VE Test in NJ

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Subject: VE Test in NJ
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FYI ...

A VE test in NJ that didn't make it on the last exam list from the ARRL:

September 29 - 7:00pm
Florham Park, NJ
Morris & Essex Amateur Radio Club
Contact: Ken (WA2VCI) : 201-377-4776

Date: 3 Sep 1994 00:07:49 GMT
From: tymix.Tymnet.COM!niagara!flanagan@uunet.uu.net
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References <Pine.3.89.9408300820.A5777-01000000@bigcat>,
<n1gakCvD4B4.65s@netcom.com>, <CvFDGq.5zs@vcd.hp.com>news.b

Subject : Re: Number of Call Signs

In article <CvFDGq.5zs@vcd.hp.com> dmunroe@vcd.hp.com (Simpson Balacclava) writes:
>Is district 7 really out of 1-by-3's?

Yup, it sure is. There are still plenty of 2X2 calls to go around for the Advanced and Extras, but Generals and below are already into the KC7*** range.

73, Dick

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References <1994Aug22.151450.9440@hayes>,
<1994Aug29.205116.24390@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, <CvBpGF.GCJ@news.Hawaii.Edu>`
Reply-To : Michael@arkas.demon.co.uk
Subject : Re: Ragchewing conversational protocol

In article <CvBpGF.GCJ@news.Hawaii.Edu>
jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu "Jeffrey Herman" writes:

[snip]

> Out of the 168 hours each week how many hours are the bands used
> in contesting? Remember, some weekends there are no contests.
> And even if there is a contest on a particular weekend, use an
> unused band.

Contests ... some non-ham friends of mine, who heard a "postcode" contest on 2
m one night, dubbed the activity as "playing taxis"! :)

I don't mind contests as long as the participants don't assume that *everyone*
on the band is a contest station. I've had some experiences where testers
have broken into qso's and asked for numbers. I usually reply with a "sorry,
mate, I'm not working contest" (I would be calling "cq contest", or answering
such a call, if I was! :) .)

As for the dictum of using another band ... no, I don't adhere to that. If I
have a trans-pacific sked, and 20 m only is open for that path, then I'll use
20 m - irrespective of the amount of contesting on the band. I work on the
principle that I pay my licence fee like everyone else (right now I pay two
...), and hence I see no reason why I should use another band just because the

one I want to use is carrying contest traffic.

Given the above, the proviso for using the band for non-contest ops during a contest is that there must be a *free* chunk of spectrum in which to transmit, of course. Usually this isn't too much of a problem. However, skeds on "contested" bands are often punctuated with the words "the frequency *is* in use, pal" as someone starts calling "cq contest" right over the top of you or your qso partner.

Having said all that, I'll also add that I have had fun in contests - especially on HF. I've worked call areas in contests that I've never worked again during "normal" dx activities. Contests are certainly an interesting means of determining band conditions - I've been amazed at just how well 10 m performs when it is supposed to be "dead".

But, like everything, there is an etiquette to follow in contesting - and I strongly believe that this applies to consideration to other, non-contesting band users. Often it appears that the actions of a few inconsiderate individuals ends up queering the pitch for the majority of considerate testers.

73's, and happy contesting / qso'ing - whatever you're doing!

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'Quoth the raven, "Never more".' ... Poe

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